

SRFB 5<sup>th</sup> Round Issues Task Force  
July 1, 2003

**First Meeting:**

The first meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Round Issues Task Force was held on July 1, 2003, at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center. In attendance were:

Task Force Chair Steve Tharinger  
Jim Fox, SRFB staff  
Brian Abbott, SRFB staff  
Dick Wallace, Ecology  
Debra Wilhelmi, SRFB staff  
Julie Dagnon, Okanogan County Lead Entity  
Jim Kramer, Puget Sound Shared Strategy  
Shirley Solomon, LEAG and Skagit Watershed Council  
Tammy Owings, SRFB staff  
Steve Martin, Snake River Fish Recovery Board  
Tim Smith, WDFW  
Laura Johnson, IAC/SRFB Director

**Grant Cycle Timing:**

After much discussion the group agreed to present the following recommendation to the SRFB for consideration at the July 2 SRFB meeting:

To allow for additional strategy work and list development complementary to subbasin planning reports, which are due in May 2004, the ITF recommends the 5<sup>th</sup> Round begin in early January 2004. Applications and lead entity project lists would be due the end of June 2004 with the funding meeting in November 2004. Prior to the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Round cycle funding parameters will be announced. The 6<sup>th</sup> Round would be on approximately the same cycle but would be adjusted to be able to respond to the results of recovery planning. A majority of the biennial funds would be distributed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Round.

As the ITF develops recommendations for time-sensitive issues, it would like approval of the Board to start seeking stakeholder comment prior to, or in conjunction with, presenting these issues to the Board for consideration.

**Representation:**

There was some discussion if there was a need for additional representation from other areas of interest. Steve Tharinger will continue to confirm representation to round out this group.

**Next Meeting:**

To meet deadlines, the group decided to have a 2-day meeting on July 31 and August 1. At this meeting the group will focus on lead entity strategies and prioritize issues the group hopes to focus on prior to the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> Round.